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SUBJ: RONALD WEBSTER SCORES MASSIVE VICTORY IN ANGUILLA ELECTIONS

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1. IN GENERAL ELECTION HELD MARCH 15 IN ANGUILLA (FIRST ELECTION UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION), RONALD WEBSTER AND HIS PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY WON SIX OF SEVEN SEATS IN NEWLY ESTABLISHED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. SEVENTH SEAT WENT TO INDEPENDENT HUBERY HUGHES.

2. ACCORDING NEWSPAPER REPORT, BRITISH COMMISSIONER IN ANGUILLA DAVID LEBRETON WILL TODAY APPOINT WEBSTER AS ISLAND'S FIRST CHIEF MINISTER AND WEBSTER WILL THEN ADVISE COMMISSIONER ON APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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3. COMMENT: WEBSTER, WHO LED STRUGGLE FOR SEPARATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANGUILLA FROM ST. KITTS ALMOST FROM BEGINNING, HAS LONG BEEN

DOMINANT FIGURE IN ILSNAD'S POLITICS, AND HIS VICTORY
THEREFORE COMES AS NO SURPRISE. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE
STRONGLY PRO-AMERICAN. IN SINGLE MEETING TO DATE WITH
AMBASSADOR AND DCM (IN AUGUST, 1975), HE EMPHASIZED HIS
FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S. AND NOTED GRATITUDE HIS PEOPLE FELT
FOR OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED THEM OF WORKING IN USVI. END
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